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In re application of: Carl E. Fabian, M.D. Group Art Unit: 3736
Serial No.: 10/650,377 Examiner: Julie Lieu
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For: **ATTACHMENT OF ELECTRONIC TAGS TO SURGICAL
SPONGES AND IMPLEMENTS**
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(b)**

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form are documents developed by a search conducted during prosecution of Applicant's PCT counterpart. The Examiner may deem these documents to be relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application. A copy of each of the documents is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

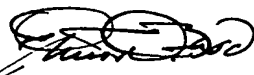
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Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 (e) ACCOMPANYING
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir/Madam:

Applicant hereby certifies that each item of information contained in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said Information Disclosure Statement.

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